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SUBJECT: LAO PRESS REPORT OF MANSFIELD VISIT TO LAOS

1. THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER, "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE", ON AUGUST 18 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF SENATOR MANSFIELD'S VISIT TO LAOS. THE ARTICLE RAN ON PAGE 4 OF THE 4 PAGE NEWSPAPER, AND THE VISIT WAS SIMILARLY REPORTED ON THE RADIO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

SENATOR MANSFIELD STOPPED OVER IN VIENTIANE.

AS PROPOSED BY MR. MIKE MANSFIELD, U.S. SENATOR, AND APPROVED BY THE LPDR, MR. MANSFIELD PAID A BRIEF VISIT TO VIENTIANE ON AUGUST 17, 1976 WHILE ON A TOUR OF A NUMBER OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. KHAMPHAY BOUPHHA,
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HAD A FRANK TALK WITH MR. MANSFIELD.

MR. KHAMPHAY MADE IT CLEAR TO MR. MANSFIELD THAT THE LPDR ALWAYS WANTED TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THE U.S. MUST CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN LAOS AND STOP USING THE CIA AND THE LAO TRAITOR-REACTIONARIES TO THREATEN THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LAOS AND INTERFERE IN LAO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

MIKE MANSFIELD SAID THAT THE CIA IS UNLIKELY TO ENGAGE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AGAIN AND THAT SUSPICION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES MUST BE ALLAYED SO THAT RELATIONS CAN BE IMPROVED. END TEXT.
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